AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANT TAXONOMISTS

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Dear Bob:

Rumor has it that you have returned to topside. I hope you're not finding the job of readjusting to a normal academic life too much for you.

At the annual meeting of the Council of the ASPT at Stillwater you were appointed as one of our two representatives to the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. This is for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1961. The other representative is Dr. Richard Cowan of the U. S. National Herbarium. As I understand it the only duty of these Council members is to appear at the annual Council meeting of the AAAS whenever that is possible, and, subsequently to make a brief report to the Council of the ASPT. Usually there are two sessions of the Council at the time of the annual meeting of the AAAS.

You will be replacing Margaret Fulford who has been our representative for the past three years. Her term will extend through December 1960, and I assume that either she or Dick Cowan will be able to represent us at the Christmas meetings in New York. However, in case it is impossible for either of them to be there I shall ask the AAAS to appoint you as an alternate.

We are all looking forward to an account of your activities during the past year or so and I am expecting some exciting conclusions concerning phylogeny of Angiosperms.

Sincerely,

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Mildred E. Mathias

Chairman of the Council